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**Annex 38. Item 11.2.1. – Section 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. of Chapter 2.4.5. Infection with *P. marinus***

CHAPTER 2.4.5.

infection with *PERKINSUS MARINUS*

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2.2. Host factors

2.2.1. Susceptible host species

~~Eastern oyster,~~ *~~Crassostrea virginica~~*~~; Pacific oyster,~~ *~~C. gigas~~*~~; suminoe oyster,~~ *~~C. ariakensis;~~* ~~mangrove oyster,~~ *~~C. rhizophorae~~*~~; Cortez oyster,~~ *~~C. corteziensis~~* ~~(Andrews 1996; Calvo~~ *~~et al.,~~* ~~1999; Calvo~~ *~~et al.,~~* ~~2001; Villalba~~ *~~et al.,~~* ~~2004; Cáceres-Martínez~~ *~~et al.,~~* ~~2008); softshell clam,~~ *~~Mya arenaria~~*~~; Baltic macoma,~~ *~~Macoma balthica~~* ~~(Dungan~~ *~~et al.,~~* ~~2007).~~

Species that fulfill the criteria for listing as susceptible to infection with *Perkinsus marinus* according to Chapter 1.5. of the *Aquatic Animal Health Code* (*Aquatic Code*) are: American cupped oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), Ariake cupped oyster (*Magallana* [Syn. *Crassostrea*] *ariakensis*), Cortez oyster (*Crassostrea corteziensis*) and palmate oyster (*Saccostrea palmula*).

**RATIONALE: Grammatical correction.**

~~2.2.2. Susceptible stages of the host Species with incomplete evidence for susceptibility~~

~~All stages after settlement are susceptible.~~

~~Species for which there is incomplete evidence to fulfill the criteria for listing as susceptible to infection with~~ *~~P. marinus~~* ~~according to Chapter 1.5. of the~~ *~~Aquatic Code~~* ~~are: Gasar cupped oyster (~~*~~Crassostrea tulipa~~*~~), mangrove cupped oyster (~~*~~Crassostrea rhizophorae),~~* ~~and Pacific cupped oyster (~~*~~Magallana~~* ~~[Syn.~~ *~~Crassostrea~~*~~]~~ *~~gigas~~*~~).~~

~~In addition, pathogen-specific positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) results have been reported in the following species, but no active infection has been demonstrated: Columbia black oyster (~~*~~Crassostrea columbiensis~~*~~), soft shell clam (~~*~~Mya arenaria~~*~~), and stone oyster (~~*~~Striostrea prismatica~~*~~).~~

**RATIONALE:** WOAH should not list species for which there is incomplete evidence for susceptibility If there is incomplete evidence for susceptibility, it is inappropriate to impose trade barriers on these species. By listing them, the opportunity for trade barriers to be imposed inappropriately is heightened. WOAH should only list species for which there is sound evidence of susceptibility and countries should impose restrictions only in those cases. It is not appropriate for a country to require testing for a disease for which there is incomplete evidence of susceptibility.

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